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FOR EA/ANP WAJDA FROM AMBASSADOR ALSTON

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SUBJ: VISIT OF U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL.
2. QUOTE. JUDGE: I'M WORKING WITH BOB NICHOLSON OF THE LAW COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA ON YOUR SCHEDULE WHEN YOU COME HERE IN JULY. LET ME SAY AGAIN THAT THE LAWYERS OF AUSTRALIA ARE VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT YOUR VISIT AND ARE VERY KEEN TO MEET YOU.
3. THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO SAY THAT WE NEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PRECISE DATES. THE SECOND PURPOSE IS TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT YOUR ARRIVAL HERE WILL BE EARLIER THAN THE DATE WHICH I SUGGESTED IN A PREVIOUS MESSAGE. WE HOPE YOU MIGHT THINK IN TERMS OF LEAVING IN TIME TO ARRIVE CANBERRA THE 18TH RATHER THAN THE 22ND OF JULY.
4. A PRINCIPAL REASON FOR EARLIER ARRIVAL IS THAT WE ARE ANXIOUS FOR YOU TO HAVE A WORKING SESSION - QUESTION AND ANSWER -- NO PREPARED SPEECH -- WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA AS YOUR FIRST OFFICIAL ACT. FROM A PROTOCOL STANDPOINT HE IS YOUR HOST. THE ATTORNEY

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GENERAL'S AVAILABILITY IS COMPLICATED BY HIS HAVING TO BE PRESENT IN PERTH ON JULY 25 FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

5. YOUR REAL HOST, THE LAW COUNCIL, HOPES THAT YOU WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TWO DAYS FIRST IN SYDNEY AND THEN TWO DAYS IN MELBOURNE, AND AT MY SUGGESTION, ONE

DAY IN HOBART RATHER THAN ADELAIDE AS ORIGINALLY
PLANNED.

6. WE ARE THINKING OF MAJOR ADDRESSES AT NOON IN SYDNEY
AND MELBOURNE, WITH SOMETHING LESS SERIOUS IN AFTER-
DINNER REMARKS IN BOTH OF THOSE CITIES. YOU PERFOR-
MANCE IN HOBART WE WOULD CONTEMPLATE AT DINNER, AND
WOULD BE OF A SERIOUS NATURE AS LAWYERS WOULD COMPRISE
YOUR AUDIENCE.

7. IN BETWEEN WE ARE SAVING TIME FOR YOU AND MARY TO
SIGHTSEE AND PLAY GOLF. THE SCHEDULE SOUNDS STRENUOUS
BUT THERE WILL BE TIME FOR RELAXING.

8. MR. NICHOLSON ASSURES ME THAT MIKE KELLY WOULD
PROVE AN INTERESTING ATTRACTION FOR THE YOUNG LAWYERS,
AND I WOULD HOPE HE WILL COME PREPARED TO SPEAK AND SUB-
MIT TO A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION IN BOTH SYDNEY AND
MELBOURNE.

9. I NOW GO BACK AND PUT EMPHASIS ON THE PRINCIPAL
PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE. WE NEED PRECISE DATES JUST
AS SOON AS YOU HAVE THEM. END QUOTE.
ALSTON

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